

CEAC
3/11/25 Meeting
Virtual

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/8/24 – motion by Eppley, 2nd by Wells. Motion approved, no discussion.

Region 7 Perkins V Grant – due 4/1/25, MOISD Caleb is fiscal agent, taking the lead. A comprehensive local needs assessment (clna) was completed 2024 which will be used for grant purposes. Plan on another CLNA in 2026. CLNA will be in alignment and will continue making choices and adjustments without any significant changes at this time. A link to the Perkins V Overview and the Core Performance Indicators was made available to the group for future reference & discussion.

TRAC Audit Action steps – TRAC Findings Response and Region 7 TRAC Findings Report were attached to the agenda for review. Responses will be submitted by Thursday, 3/20/25. Follow-Up Survey Results report & data was shared for future meeting discussion as needed. Regional Math Improvement Strategies Action Plan was also shared with the group for future planning, review and discussion.

Proposed Funding CTE Deserts – Press Release and Michigan School Districts & ISD maps were shared. CTE Deserts will be offering funding to start new programs in 2025/26 school year.

CTE Program Updates

NCRESA – Melissa - CTE recently hosted 8th grade orientation, which included a tour of CTE programs/building. A career fair for Jr/Sr students to springboard into internships w employers was held; potential partnerships were developed and connections made. The NCRESA CTE is gearing up for spring advisory meetings. Also working through the process of Portrait of a Graduate with stakeholders and the impacts going forward.

MOISD -Caleb – Career Expo/Job Fair is coming up with business & industry partners for Jrs/Srs. Will include breakout sessions. The agri-science barn is complete and big plans are forthcoming. Caleb will host a tour for those interested. The MOISD CTE is bringing back Fire I and II programs, based on April enrollment. Also planning for spring advisory meetings.

West Shore CTE – Jamie – have made a name change to Summit Tech Center (STC). Rebranding to help eliminate confusion with West Shore Community College, West Shore ESD. STC has advisory board meetings scheduled for 4/23/25. A showcase event is set for 5/1/25, all are invited, 9am – 2pm. At recent FFA competition an STC Sr received 2nd runner-up award.

Michigan Works! West Central (MWWC) updates

Jobs for MI Grads – Vanessa reported on legislative day. Next activity is Career Development Conference.

Youth Programming – Toni – recruiting for work experience this summer. Youth Works program is looking for students interest in working the parks system, ages 17-24.

Mi Career Quest – Jon- dates set for 4/30/25. Nearly 80% full of employers and training providers. Open to 9th grade students from 6 county area; nearly full participation.

20 under 30 awards – Jon – nominations are now open on mwwc.org website. April 8 will open for public voting.

Other business – NONE

Round table –

Jason Finch – new rule for plumbers/apprentices on the job will increase the need for more plumbers & will be a major issue for construction beginning 4/1/25.

Courtney – MRS – gearing up for summer work programs

Jody – MCAN – May 8 College & Career Expo, shared link with group

Wendy – West Shore Community College – kids summer program 6/9/-8/14, 3 age groups. Scholarships are available.

Nicholas – shared link to date re decline in population in MI by 2050

Darryl – aerospace engineering and agribusiness occupations are showing growth in west Michigan

Jamie – proposal to held next meeting with face-to-face option and plan for a longer meeting time. Jamie/Toni will work together to determine place and timing. Will be a virtual option.

Adjournment – motion by Eppley, 2nd we Wells. Motion approved, no discussion. Meeting adjourned 2:01pm.

Julie Sanders
MWWC